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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

The late Sir Robert Morant.

THE Insurance Acts Committee at its meeting on March 25th passed a vote of condolence with Lady Morant and family, and instructed its chairman to convey to her the deep sense of loss felt by all those who, like the Insurance Acts Committee, had come into close contact with Sir Robert Morant.

Part-time Prison Medical Officers.

The present position of the negotiations is that, after several communications calling his attention to the urgent need for revision of the pay of the Prison Medical Service, the Home Secretary has replied that certain proposals regarding pay have been sent forward for the consideration of the Treasury, but that at present he is not in a position to make an announcement.

Special Reserve R.A.M.C.

The Naval and Military Committee has recently been in correspondence with the War Office concerning the position of Special Reserve officers. These officers are debarred from signing temporary contracts, and are therefore at a great disadvantage in respect of pay as compared with officers serving on such contracts. Such being the case, the War Office was asked to demobilize all Special Reserve officers who wished for demobilization. The reply of the War Office was to the effect that such officers were liable to be retained in the army till the statutory date of the termination of the war, and that, owing to the exigencies of the service, it was not anticipated that it would be possible to demobilize all such officers at an early date. It is understood that the recent notice in the press concerning demobilization in the Special Reserve applies only to those officers who have already been disembodied, and that it does not affect those who are at present serving.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2, at 10 a.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LINCOLN AND KESTEVEN DIVISIONS.—Dr. Godfrey Lowe, Honorary Secretary, Lincoln Division (42, Langworth Gate, Lincoln), gives notice that a meeting of members and non-members of the Lincoln and Kesteven Divisions will be held at Lincoln on Tuesday, April 27th, at 3 p.m. Dr. Alfred Cox, O.B.E., Medical Secretary, will attend and give an address, to be followed by a discussion. Further particulars will be announced later.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—Dr. E. Lewys-Lloyd, Honorary Secretary (Gothic House, Towyn, Merioneth) gives notice that the annual meeting of the Division will be held at Barmouth on Wednesday, April 14th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Consolidated Rates of Pay.

ON March 12th the British Medical Association received a letter from the India Office stating that, after careful consideration in communication with the Government of India, the Secretary of State in Council proposed to sanction the incremental scale (set out below) of consolidated pay for all European officers of the Indian Medical Service, in civil or military employ, except those holding administrative appointments carrying fixed rates of pay higher than are admissible under this scale. For purposes of comparison the table shows also the scale in force before December 1st, 1918, and the scale in force since that date. [A further column has been appended showing the scale asked for by the British Medical Association.] The letter added that Mr. Montagu, Secretary of State for India, would be glad to learn whether the British Medical Association agreed generally in the scale and had any observations to make upon it. The letter was immediately acknowledged, the statement being made that a meeting of the Naval and Military Committee would be held at the earliest possible moment to consider the matter, and it was added:

I note that there is no reference in your letter to the questions of passages and pensions, and should be glad if any indication of the India Office's intentions concerning these two questions could be given before the date of the meeting of the Naval and Military Committee, namely, Friday, March 19th.

The Under Secretary of State for India, in his reply, wrote as follows:

The questions of passages and pensions referred to in your letter have not yet reached the stage at which a definite decision could be communicated to the British Medical Association, and for that reason these subjects were omitted from my previous letter. It is impossible to consider them apart from the larger case of the Indian Army as a whole, although it does not necessarily follow that the final decision will be the same for both services. The Secretary of State is in constant telegraphic communication with the Government of India on both these subjects, and hopes to make an announcement on them in the near future. Meanwhile he is anxious that they should not retard or complicate the more urgent matter of the pay of the Indian Medical Service.

On March 22nd a letter was sent by the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association to the Under Secretary of State for India, stating that although in certain instances the full demands of the Association had not been met, the Naval and Military Committee considered the scale to be, on the whole, satisfactory:

I am, however, to point out that on the civil side there are certain appointments in the medical colleges, and in the bacteriological and sanitary departments, as well as in the jails, which carry allowances with them. No new rates of pay could prove acceptable which did not safeguard the officers holding such appointments. The Committee feels very strongly that these allowances must be treated as something quite apart from the general question of allowances, the maintenance of a horse, or the collateral charge of a *second* regiment, etc., and that they must be continued and proportionately increased (that is, 50 per cent.). If this is not done, cases will arise where officers holding such appointments will find themselves worse off than they were before, in spite of the general increase of pay. Such a result is bound to render the scheme unacceptable.

Then, again, there is the question of allowances for the officers in charge of the station hospitals. The extra work and responsibility such charges involve make it necessary that these allowances should be continued. It is not suggested that the Secretary of State intended to take any other course, but it

is desirable to have these matters settled in advance, without the possibility of misunderstanding afterwards.

I am to make it clear (1) that what the Association has in view is a 50 per cent. all round increase on the pay officers drew before the war, and (2) that it is felt that this increase should be safeguarded from any deductions or alterations whatsoever.

I am to express the hope that you will be in a position to assure the Association that not only the pay, but the question of passages and pensions has been placed on a satisfactory basis in time for an announcement to be made to that effect at our Annual Representative Meeting, which is to be held on June 25th at Cambridge. Such an announcement made at that particular time would receive a peculiarly wide publicity, and would have a most desirable effect on the prospects of the recruitment of officers for the service.

Rank and Year of Service.	Rates in Force before December, 1918.	Present Rates.	Proposed Rates.	Scale Asked for by Association.*
Lieutenants				
1	450	550	650	675
2	450	550	650	675
3	450	550	650	675
Captains				
4	550	700	800	825
5	550	700	800	825
6	600	750	800	900
7	600	750	950	900
8	650	800	950	975
9	650	800	950	975
10	650	800	1050	975
11	700	900	1050	1050
12	700	900	1050	1050
Majors				
13	800	1000	1200	1200
14	800	1000	1200	1200
15	800	1000	1200	1200
16	900	1150	1350	1350
17	900	1150	1350	1350
18	900	1150	1350	1350
19	900	1150	1500	1350
20	900	1150	1500	1350
Lieut.-Colonels				
21	1250	1550	1750	1875
22	1250	1550	1750	1875
23	1250	1550	1750	1875
24	1250	1550	1850	1875
25	1250	1550	1850	1875
over 25	1300	1600	1950	1950
Selected	1400	1750	2100	

* For the convenience of readers this column has been added to the table furnished by the India Office. The scales throughout are in rupees per mensem.

INSURANCE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Proposed Testimonial.

SIR,—We are desired by the members of the Conditions of Service Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee to thank Drs. Richmond and Farman and their colleagues for the good will and appreciation shown in their letter which appeared in the SUPPLEMENT of March 27th, but the Subcommittee hopes the scheme outlined in that letter will not be persisted in. If the appeal were a failure it would be mortifying to all concerned. If it were successful the result would be hardly less embarrassing to the recipients of the presentation, for it would entirely alter their relations to their constituents. At present the Insurance Acts Committee is a body of men voluntarily giving up their time and energies to the service of their fellow insurance practitioners. The members of the committee are independent in a way they could hardly be if they were made the recipients of such a handsome present as the proposed appeal might be expected to produce. Besides, the Conditions of Service Subcommittee does not wish to be distinguished from the other members of the Insurance Acts Committee. Where all are willing and anxious to serve it does not seem proper to single out those who undertook a special task.

The Subcommittee is deeply grateful for the kindness which prompted the appeal, but trusts that its promoters will appreciate the sentiments which lead the Subcommittee to ask them to drop the project.—We are, etc.,

H. B. BRACKENBURY,
ALFRED COX.

April 5th.

WE are asked to state that Dr. Withers Green also spoke to the toast of the evening at the dinner given to Dr. Brackenbury by the Insurance Acts Committee (SUPPLEMENT, April 3rd).

British Medical Association.

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Diary of the Association.

APRIL.

14 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.
South Carnarvon and Merioneth Division, Annual Meeting, Barmouth.
16 Fri. London: Ministry of Health Committee.
20 Tues. London: Scrutiny Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
21 Wed. London: Hospitals Committee, 3 p.m.
North Middlesex Division: Lecture by Mr. A. Fleming, F.R.C.S., on Vaccine Therapy.
22 Thur. London: Rural Practitioners Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch, Carmarthen: British Medical Association Lecture by Lieut.-Colonel Robert McCarrison, I.M.S., on Deficiency Diseases.
27 Tues. Kesteven Division, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
28 Wed. Plymouth Division: Lecture by Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., F.R.S.: The Early Symptoms and Diagnosis of Diseases of the Spinal Cord.
29 Thur. London: Insurance Acts Executive Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
30 Fri. Bradford Division: Lecture by Dr. A. F. Hurst: Psychotherapy.

MAY.

17 Mon. *Last day for receipt of Nominations for Council.*

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY, Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Thursday, 5.30 p.m., Clinical Meeting.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Dermatology:* Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Cases. *Clinical Section:* Friday, 5 p.m., Cases. *Section of Electro-Therapeutics:* Friday, 8.30 p.m., Mackenzie Davidson Memorial Lecture by Professor Sir Ernest Rutherford: Development of Radiology.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Mitral Incompetence and Ability to Work.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tuesday, 4.30 p.m., Dr. W. Fletcher Shaw: Uterine Haemorrhage.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Professor Connell: Clinical Cases of Bone Lesions.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Ward Visits; 2 p.m., In- and Out-patient Clinics and Operations. Monday, 12.15 p.m., Dr. Burnford: Pathological Demonstration. 5 p.m., Dr. Arthur Saunders: Nephritis in Children. Tuesday, 12 noon, Mr. Tyrrell Gray: Demonstration of Fractures, etc. 5 p.m., Mr. Banks Davis: Clinical Lecture (I). Wednesday, 2 p.m., Mr. Addison: Operations. 5 p.m., Dr. Beddard: Practical Medicine (Lecture I). Thursday, 2 p.m., Mr. Bishop Harman: Irido-cyclitis. 5 p.m., Mr. Page: Anaesthetics. Friday, 2 p.m., Mr. Pernet: Skin Department. 5 p.m., Dr. G. C. Low: Examination of the Faeces in Tropical Diseases. Saturday, 12 noon, Dr. Sinclair: Surgical Anatomy of the Abdomen. 2 p.m., Dr. Owen: Medical Out-patients.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **7s. 6d.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

BURKE.—On March 29th, at Central Nursing Home, Dundee, to the wife of E. T. Burke, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.B., a son.

COLMER.—At the Woodside Nursing Home, Plymouth, on March 30th, the wife of Vyvian Colmer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

RYAN.—At Willoughbys, Astley, on the 2nd inst., the wife of S. H. Ryan, M.B., Ch.B., L.S.A., a son.

DEATHS.

HARRISON.—On the 31st ult., John Atkinson Harrison, M.B., C.M., O.B.E., of Hazelwood, Haslingden, aged 49. Interred at Hasfingden Cemetery, Saturday, April 3rd.

HUNT.—At 4, Darlington Place, on March 3rd, Lieut.-Colonel John Percival Hunt, R.A.M.C.(ret.), in his 75th year.

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